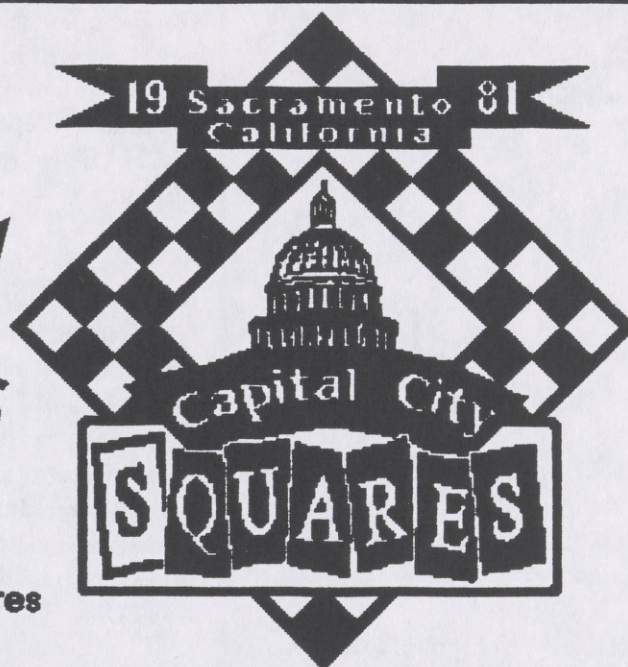


# Capital City Capers

The News Organ of the Capital City Squares  
A Member Club of the IAGSDC



## CCS Collects Ballots ... Di-Fi Loses Anyway!

Capital City Square club members have been busy on two fronts this last month: community service and having fun.

On Election Night, November 6th, 25 CCS club members helped receive ballot boxes from the many, many precincts of Sacramento City and County. We furthered the electoral process, earned money for the club, and had fun in the bargain.

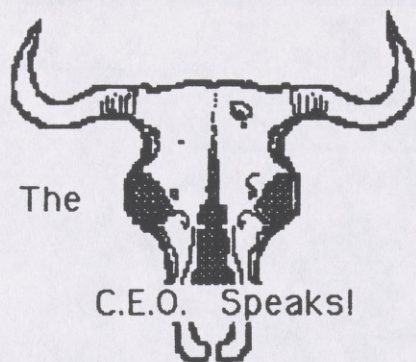
On October 30th at club night, many CCS members celebrated Halloween one night early by dressing up and trying to dance in some of the most elaborate and outrageous costumes ever!

We carry on, working and having fun. Happy Holidays!



The C.E.O. and Condom Miranda at CCS's Halloween Club Night





Yep, he's at it again!

Mebbe not sweet, but guaranteed to be short this time! (Believe that?! ... I've got a great deal on a bridge ....)

Firstly — Welcome, Bob Stahmer! We're glad to have you on the Board as Beginners Class Rep — in spite of your not-so-terribly-vague synopsis of your first meeting as "interesting"! Thanks especially for your willingness to come (?) up from Stockton. Now that you've been to a Board meeting, you've got a feeling of what real "disorganized chaos" can be! Again, welcome! Glad to have you ... uh ... on the Board.

My thanks to all who attended and helped out at election night. It started our freezing cold, but once the cars showed up, all those nice warm carbon monoxide fumes made everything toasty-warm (if somewhat O depleted!). The gentleman in charge certainly appreciated us, the women (!?) supervising us enjoyed our company (!?), and the "good-ol'-boys" around us got an eyeful and earful!!! At least one CUTIE wasn't sure how to handle our group — sometimes he seemed to try ignoring us while giving us sidelong more-than-just-curious looks .... It was a lot of fun, and it made the club

some money! (Rick does have a list — he will hunt you down.) Thank you, one and all. Most especially, THANK YOU MICHAEL for organizing and pursuing this!!

My personal thanks (I can get terribly personal ...) to Western Star Dancers for the MS/Plus Dance in S. F. on November 3rd! It was lots of fun — with leftover Halloween candy and pumpkin pies for daze (all that sugar — believe me, "daze" is correct). As it turned out, I was the sole representative from the valley .... It was FUN.

TO COME (excuse the phrase — no, don't!) — This Saturday, November 17th, El Camino Reelers is having its Anniversary Dance in Palo Alto. This also includes a potluck at Randy Andy's and Randy Randy's in Mountain View. These people know how to have fun. See the flyer included in this issue.

November 23rd (Friday after T-Day) WSD is hosting a beginner's hoedown. This is a wonderFul (!) opportunity for you new dancers to attend a hoedown aimed right at you and dance your butts off! Seriously, plan on attending! Remember everyone, it isn't limited to beginning dancers. November 24th brings WSD's T-Dance (uh, that's Thanksgiving Dance). Both are at St. Paulus Church (Gough and Eddy); both are guaranteed to be fun.

December 7th is yet another dance in S.F., brought to you by WSD again (those people! Thank you!!) This is their Christmas Dance and promises to be a lot of fun.

SACRAMENTO, December 8th — Capital City Squares presents our own Holiday Dance, including workshops, a potluck, and a hoedown. This all day event promises to be a great deal of Fun and Frolic. See David's Flyer herein included.

Keep in mind, folks, we won't be dancing on December 20th and 27th and January 1st because of facility shutdown [and Bill and Michael's being in Hawaii!], but we will start up again January 8th. This is a long spell of not dancing in Sacto — study the books, PLEASE!

Only the gods know what I failed to mention that I should've! Any oversights and/or omissions: I apologize — and you can slap me (why do you think I omitted "and/or forgot"?!).

Thanks for bein' here. Thanks for your hard work, attendance, patience, and understanding. HAVE FUN!

See ya dancin'

George

(PS: Notice how adroitly I avoided mentioning the Mr. Sacramento Leather Contest on November 17th at Joseph's Town and Country? [George is a contestant! Come cheer him on!]



# November Board Minutes

November 7, 1990

The meeting began at 7:10 PM. It was held at Bill and Michael's house. Present were Cindy, Kris, Rick, Rich, Bill, Michael, David, George, Kenric, Bob, Mary Jo, and Angie.

George, our illustrious C.E.O., was definitely not prepared for the meeting as evidenced by his blank legal pad — however, he gaily opened the meeting with discussion of old business. Our first topic of discussion was Harlan. It was affirmed that he will be at the CCS dance night on Tuesday, November 13, 1990. Kris is in hopes that he will really concentrate on APD mainstream calls for our new plus class.

Next, David Levy brought out the prototype of the flyer for our December 8th Hoedown. It looked great. We added a female contact name and phone number (Cindy's) and decided to add info about gifts and/or donations to the Children's Receiving Home. The flyer was then approved by the Board.

Then Joe Kula's contracts for December and June were reviewed and approved.

Moving ever forward, Michael gave us the election results. Twenty-five people helped the ballot process for the County of Sacramento. They each worked 3.5 hours, and Michael and Rick feel that it will net approximately \$500.00 for the club. We thank

those 25 people heartily for their efforts on the club's behalf — it is greatly appreciated. We would like to remind the people who will be getting a check that it cannot be written off as a donation to CCS. We are not a charity — although sometimes we need it.

Our next issue was a mixture of old and new business. Regarding our upcoming Christmas gift to the Children's Receiving Home in the memory of Joel and Roy, we talked about the \$ donation we would like to give, and it was decided that \$300.00 would be ideal as long as our treasury was up to it. We also discussed the fact that the Hoedown on December 8th would be a very good time to bring gifts and/or give personal \$ donations to add to our club gift. We will set up a money tree at the Hoedown. Mary Jo volunteered to contact the director of the Children's Receiving Home and find out the children's age range and percentage of girls to boys so that our gifts can be appropriate. Bill will write an article to explain our memorial gift for our new members. These ideas were generally accepted by the Board and will be discussed further in our general meeting.

Moving onward, the Board discussed insurance for the club (again!). David Levy volunteered to take the lead on the issue and to ferret out information on how to get insurance for club members.

Our last bit of good old news was the treasurer's report; we have \$2064.00 in the bank.

On to new business —

The Board discussed holding a general meeting on club night, November 20, 1990 for 30 minutes between Robin's class and Kris' class. The date was approved, and our C.E.O. guaranteed that he would rise adequately to the task of preparing. Keep your eyes on George!

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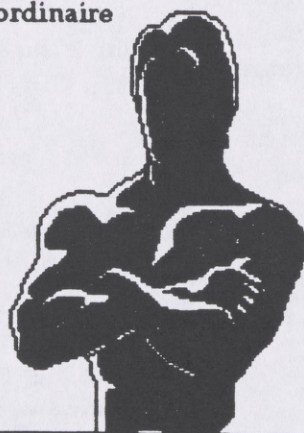
Next, at Michael's suggestion the Board discussed the possibility of having a "group dinner" or "group brunch" while at Fife's for our anniversary retreat. David agreed to contact Fife's about this possibility.

Our last "new business" was discussion centering on an individual to take on the task of Party Chairman (aka Party Animal). Kenric sat quietly on the floor playing with Angie while the club plotted to maneuver him into this position. The Board felt that since he dresses well (the Condom Miranda outfit being a prime example), has an adorable significant other, is very sociable, and knows how to coordinate colors, he would be the perfect candidate. Kenric modestly accepted the post of "Party Chairman" and didn't even make a speech. Please see him for details and/or ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM. The next Board meeting will be at Bill and Michael's on November 28, 1990, at 7:30 PM to allow Bob time to get here from Stockton.

Respectfully submitted,

✿ Mary Jo Semmelmayr,  
Secretary Extraordinaire



## Democracy In Action

Just a quick note to thank all of you who worked Election Night. I think we all had a good time and managed to raise a few hundred dollars for the club.

Here's a fun little ditty, I've had for years:

The election is over  
The results are well known,  
The will of the people  
Has clearly been shown.

Let's bury the hatchet  
And let bad feelings pass,  
I'll hug your elephant —  
You kiss my ass!!

The Honor Roll — Art Boehm, Bill McCrory, Bob Koski, Brent Cutler, Curt Stanley, Dameon Walker, David Levy, Dean Willis, Fred Smith, George Fox, Greg Friel, Jeff Ramos, Jill Spitz, Kas Christopher, Larry Kellogg, Lee Scarborough, Loren Peyton, Mark Smithson, Michael Foft, Michael Gill, Nick Smiley, Rich Beddow, Rick Arts, Tim Martin, and Wally Davis.

✿ Michael Foft

## November Potluck

Well-placed signs led Capital City Squares members to a wonderful potluck dinner hosted by Tammy Coddington and her partner, Bonnie, at Tammy's charming home just outside Placerville on November 3rd. Attending were many club veterans as well as new members Hugh Hayes and Mark Smithson. Tours of the house and grounds were conducted by Dameon. Guests filled the buffet with Mexican food and everyone ate and ate. Guests also filled the hot tub to look at the sky and listen to the pine forest. Larry Kellogg led the two-step in front of the fireplace and a good time was had by all. Our heart-felt thanks to Tammy and Bonnie.

✿ David Levy

### November Birthdays

1	Dennis Moore
15	Jeff Barlow
24	David Mohs
29	Mary Jo Semmelmayr



## On the Road with Art and Jeff

Even though it's said that, "Square Dancing is Friendship set to music," our first encounter with dancing on our trip was just the opposite. We were surprised by an announcement of a hoe-down at the campground where we were staying in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on a Saturday night. We wavered a bit and then decided to at least check it out. A travelling square dance club was initiating newcomers to the BASIC steps. We felt comfortable with our competence as dancers and decided to "angel," if the opportunity arose. As always, we enjoyed the music and atmosphere, laughing at the foibles of new dancers. During one of the breaks, refreshments and greetings were extended to all seated around the area. However, when the hostess reached us, we were "ignored" and she greeted the next couple seated just a few feet away. The experience sat poorly with us, so we left quietly. It certainly brought home the warmth and good will we feel among our club, and how much we missed it. With much anticipation, we looked forward to dancing with DC Lambda Squares the following Wednesday.

Wednesday came none too soon with Jeff singing square dance songs throughout the day. We met with Karl Murray for dinner at Annie's Paramount Steak House in DuPont Circle. Over dinner, Karl asked of going on in our club with the Basic and Plus level classes. We expressed

both surprise and excitement with angeling the class and at Robin's confidence and command at keeping the dancing fun and interesting for newcomers and angels alike. We also shared our disappointment at having to miss six weeks of the Plus classes, but after all, vacation's vacation!

Following a huge dinner, Karl drove, Art navigated, and Jeff laughed as we made a precarious trek across DC to the United Methodist Church, 4th and I Streets S.W., where DC Lambda Squares holds Mainstream/Plus/A-1 dancing bi-weekly. After circling the block a few times, we found a parking space. We donned our name tags, Karl furiously struggling to remove his "Caller" designation from his dangles. Welcomed wholeheartedly by club members too numerous to mention, we proceeded to have nearly 2 hours of intense dancing. Our caller for the evening strategically mixed the dancers into unfamiliar positions made surprisingly comfortable. Dancing was a pleasure to watch as well as participate in.

Art recognized one of their club members, Dewey, from the Strawberry Fly-In, hosted by Western Star Dancers in S.F. Because Art is originally from Maryland, he and Dewey were able to compare and contrast East Coast vs. West Coast living. Another member, John, expressed his hopes of dancing with our club on his vacation in late October. We extended our club's welcome to him and our hopes that he would indeed be able to dance with us on his visit west. We thanked the club all around

and left knowing we were welcome and that "family" can be everywhere.

Our travel itinerary hopes to include dancing in Albuquerque, NM, with the Wild Bunch or to Tucson, AZ, with Copper City Squares or T Squares. In either case, more news to follow. We miss you lots! Keep on Dancin'!

Much love —

§ Art Boehm and Jeff Ramos

P.S. — On the last week of our vacation, we headed for home along the southern route, with a stopover in Tucson, AZ. There we stayed with a good lady friend for a couple days. Although she is non-gay and 69 years young, Ruth eagerly agreed to attend an evening of square dancing with us at T Squares. This group is an off-shoot of Copper City Squares in Tucson, and their primary goal is just dancing. Maxine Smitherman insists she is not a square dance instructor, but she nonetheless taught Jeff and I a few Plus calls while spinning the discs. We had a good time with them despite the small dance floor and bar crowd. Even our friend Ruth was impressed by how cheerful and friendly everyone was.

We only had two evenings of square dancing during our five week sojourn. Not enough! Fighting off withdrawals, we hurried to get home to Sacramento and the club we missed so dearly. Maybe next vacation, we can take everyone with us ....



# Coming Events

## November 1990

- 3 MS/Plus Dance (Eric Henerlau), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
- 9-11 Wheel 'n Deal in D.C., D.C. Lambda Squares, Washington, D.C.
- 17 Anniversary Dance (Roger Loney), El Camino Reelers, Palo Alto
- 23-25 7th Anniversary Fly-in, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver, B.C.
- 23 Basics Hoedown (Mike Green), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco
- 24 Thanksgiving Dance (Mike Green), Western Star Dancers, San Francisco

## December

- 2 A-2 Dance (Anne Uebelacker), Midnight Squares, Live Oak School (Diamond at 18th), San Francisco
- 3-5 Dancin' and Chancin' in Vegas, not an IAGSDC event but singles are welcome, Sands Expo and Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 7 WSD Christmas Dance (Paul Waters), 1st Unitarian Church (O'Farrell & Franklin), San Francisco
- 8 Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown (Joe Kula), Capital City Squares, Sacramento
- 15-30 No square dancing in Sacramento, Bill and Michael in Hawaii

## January 1991

- 18-20 Swing Thru Arizona, Desert Valley Squares, Phoenix

## February

- 2 Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown (Jett Roberts), Capital City Squares, Sacramento
- 15-17 6th Annual Rain Festival Fly-In (Pete Diver & Ray Brendzy), Puddletown Dancers, Seattle

## March

- 16 WSD 9th Anniversary Dance (Paul Infanti), San Francisco

## April

- 6 WSD Dance (Mike DeSisto), WSD, San Francisco

- 19-21 10th Anniversary Celebration & Russian River Retreat (Harlan Kerr), Capital City Squares, Fife's, Guerneville

## May

- 3-5 Rehoboth Beach Fly-In, Chesapeake Squares, Baltimore
- 3-5 Spring Round Up Fly-In, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver
- 24-26 38th Golden State Round Up, annual Northern CA Sq Dancers Assoc convention, Oakland Convention Center (next to Oakland Hyatt Regency)

## June

- 8 Graduation Workshops/Potluck/Hoedown, Capital City Squares, Sacramento
- 14-16 Cast a Shadow in the Sun, 8th IAGSDC Convention, Miami

## August

- 2-4 Geoduck Fly-In, Puddletown Squares, Seattle
- 23-25 English Bay Round Up & Boat Cruise, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

## September

- 6-8 Fly-In (combined with Southern California Regional Gay Rodeo), Finest City Squares, San Diego

## November

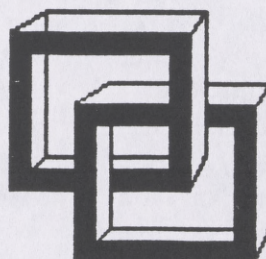
- 8-10 Annual Fly-In, DC Lambda Squares, Washington, DC
- 29-12/1 Anniversary Dance & Fly-In, Squares Across the Border, Vancouver

## March 1992

- 13-15 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fly-In, Western Star Dancers, San Francisco

## July

- 3-5 Diamonds in the Desert, 9th IAGSDC Convention, Albuquerque







# El Camino Reelers

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Dance !!!!**

with

**Roger Loney**

**callin' Plus**

(with Advanced ☆ tips  
& Class-level tips)

**Saturday  
November 17, 1990  
7:30-10:30pm**

**St. Andrews' United Methodist Church  
4111 Alma, Palo Alto**

*Note  
New Day  
and Time!*

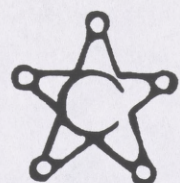
**\$8 in advance  
\$9 at the door  
\$20 club sponsor  
\$2 Basic class  
students**

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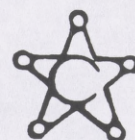
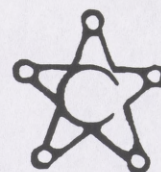
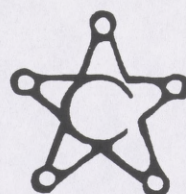
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Jonathan 408-946-7268

Pre-Dance Potluck  
@ Randy & Andy's



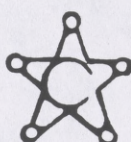


DECEMBER 8, 1990  
NEW MEMBERS  
POTLUCK AND HOEDOWN



# Star Thru Sacramento

WITH



## Joe Kula

### BEGINNERS CLASS LEVEL DANCING WITH MAINSTREAM AND PLUS STAR TIPS

William Land School  
12th & V Streets  
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**1:00 to 2:30 - Mainstream**  
Class Level Workshop (\$3.00)

**3:00 to 4:30 - Plus**  
Class Level Workshop (\$3.00)

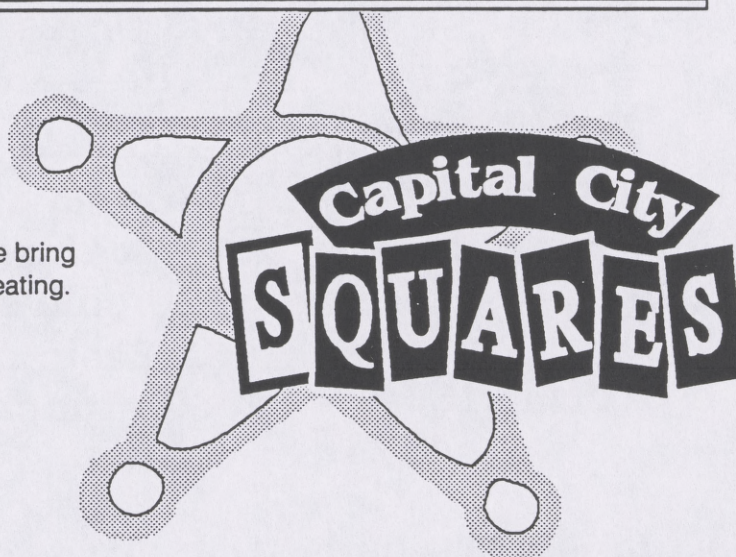
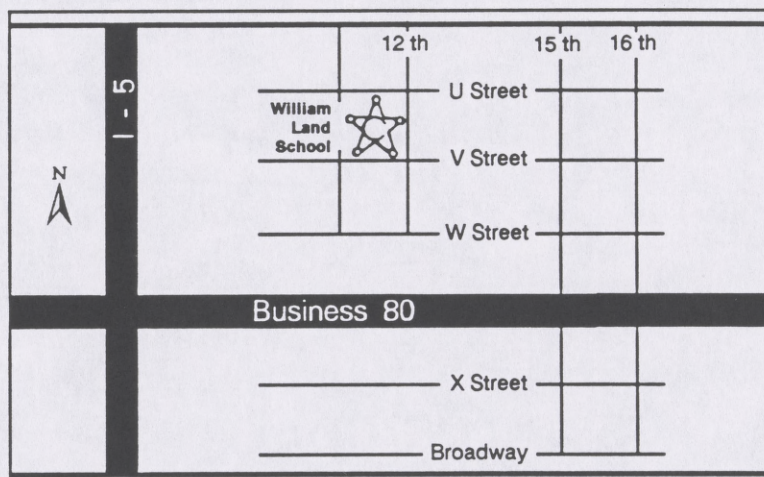
**5:00 to 6:30 - Potluck Dinner**

**7:00 to 9:30 - Hoedown**  
Alternating Class Level and Plus Tips  
with A-1 Star Tips (\$5.00)

**Special - \$10.00 for the whole day!**

Kitchen facilities are not available. Out-of-Towners, please bring salads and desserts that do not require refrigeration or heating. Locals, please bring hot main dishes from home.

For more information call: George (916) 447-2217 or  
Cindy (916) 723-7727



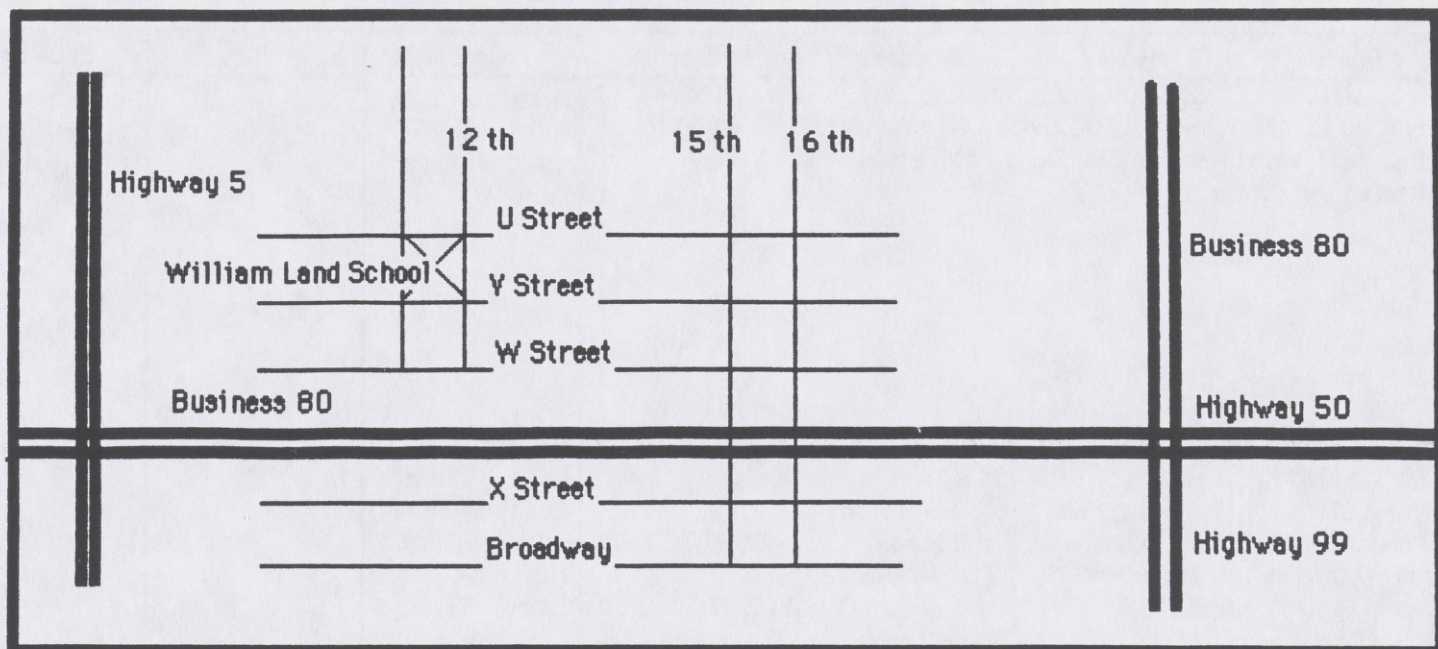
***Come On - Let's Dance!***



# November 1990

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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